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***Re: Reaccreditation Deferred
Institutional Show Cause Issued
Interim Report Reviewed
Interim Report Required
Completion and Placement Workshop Required
ACCET ID #1593***

Dear Ms. Zhang:

At its August 2025 meeting, the Accrediting Commission of the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET) considered the interim report submitted by NYC Data Science Academy, located in New York, NY, in response to the Commission action letter, dated April 14, 2025, resulting from a deferral of accreditation originally issued at the December 2024 meeting, which included a review of the application for reaccreditation, the team report (on-site visit conducted September 24-25, 2024), and the institution's response to that report, dated November 13, 2024. The Commission's December 2024 action directed the institution to submit an interim report for review at the April 2025 meeting; however, due to the institution's failure to submit the report on time, it was not reviewed by the Commission, and the institution was notified that failure to submit additional reporting may result in a show cause directive or denial of accreditation.

At its August 2025 meeting, the Commission reviewed the institution's interim report response, dated June 30, 2025, and voted to defer consideration for an additional cycle and continue the institution's accredited status, pending further review at its December 2025 meeting.

While the institution's interim report satisfactorily addressed Standard II.B. Institutional Management, the Commission noted that the institution failed to provide an updated and complete interim report relative to Standards II.A. Governance, II.C. Human Resource Management, II.D. Records, and IX.D. Completion and Job Placement. As a result, the Commission voted to issue an Institutional Show Cause directive, requiring the institution to provide a compelling rationale showing cause why its accreditation should not be withdrawn.

Therefore, the institution is directed to submit an interim report for review at the December 2025 meeting to include the following:

1. Standard II.A. Governance

The institution's interim report did not provide evidence that its PDSO and DSO have completed the necessary training to serve in their respective positions as Designated School Officials to enroll international students.

Therefore, the institution is directed to provide documentation to evidence that its PDSO and DSO have completed the necessary training indicated in the interim report response, as previously directed.

2. Standard II.C. Human Resource Management

In its interim report, the institution provided evidence of professional development for only one staff member, [REDACTED]. The institution did not provide evidence of professional development for all faculty and staff since the team report response.

Therefore, the institution is directed to provide documentation to show systematic and effective implementation of its professional development policy, including evidence that all faculty and staff have engaged in professional development since the team report response, as previously directed.

3. Standard II.D. Records

In its interim report, the institution included a records policy that does not include information about the quarterly audit process or use of the student folders checklist. Additionally, the institution was directed to provide evidence that the appropriate staff have been trained on the updated policy, as well as evidence that quarterly audits have been scheduled and that a recent audit has occurred.

Therefore, the institution is directed to provide an updated records policy that includes the application of quarterly audits and use of the student folders checklists. Further, the institution is directed to provide documentation to show that the appropriate staff have been trained on the updated policy, as well as evidence that quarterly audits have been scheduled and that a recent audit has occurred, as previously directed.

4. Standard IX.D. Completion and Job Placement

The institution's interim report did not include completion and placement statistics for calendar year 2023, as directed. Nor did the institution provide supporting documentation for 2024 outcomes. Further, documentation was not provided to evidence that the appropriate staff have been trained on the Graduate Employment Policy and Procedure, as previously directed.

Therefore, the institution is directed to provide:

- **Updated Document 28.1 – Completion and Placement Statistics for calendar years 2023, 2024, and partial year 2025 (January 1-May 31) to include Document 28.2 – On-Site Sampling Verification Form and supporting documentation for all placements and waivers for the following programs:**
 - Data Analytics Bootcamp – Online
 - Data Science Bootcamp – Online (FT)
 - Data Science Bootcamp – Online (PT)

The institution is reminded that all enrollments, transfers, completers, placements, and waivers must correspond between those recorded on Document 28.1 and those detailed on Document 28.2. Additionally, all placements must include placement verification forms as well as supporting attestations, as required by ACCET Document 28 – Completion and Job Placement Policy.

- Documentation to evidence that the appropriate staff have been trained on the Graduate Employment Policy and Procedure.

Further, the institution is directed to register for and attend the virtual ACCET Completion and Placement Workshop, to be held on November 6, 2025 ([ACCET » Completion & Placement Workshops](#)).

A show cause directive requires the institution to provide a teach-out plan in accordance with ACCET Document 32 – Teach-out/Closure Policy, in case of institutional closure.

A show cause directive requires the institution to notify all current and prospective students of the show cause action within seven days of receipt of this letter. Evidence of notification must be submitted to the ACCET Dropbox Interim Report upload link noted below, not later than September 12, 2025.

The institution's response, including the attached **interim report cover sheet**, must be uploaded (link provided below) no later than **November 17, 2025**, for the institution's report to be considered further at the Commission's **December 2025** meeting. Please see the attached submission instructions.

ACCET upload link: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/owwNFFSirPC8ai6OKh25>

As a reminder, institutions will be charged a \$500 late fee for the late submission of an interim report. Please see (page 6 of) ACCET Document 10 – Fee Schedule for additional information.

Deferral of reaccreditation and institutional show cause are not adverse actions, as explained in ACCET Document 11 – Policies and Practices of the Accrediting Commission available on the ACCET website (www.accet.org). In accordance with ACCET policy, no substantive changes,

including, but not limited to, new programs or major program revisions, new branch campuses or other new sites, or relocation out of the general market area, will be permitted during the deferral period or while on a show cause directive.

Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the ACCET office at info@accet.org or 202-955-1113.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Interim Report Submission Instructions
Interim Report Cover Sheet

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